



NEWSLETTER

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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

30TH DECEMBER 2018

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS & SERVICES

DECEMBER 2018

30th Sun 09.30: **Methodear Method +**
African Choir

31st Mon 18.00 **Thanksgiving: Gerry & Carla**
19.00 **END OF YEAR MASS.**
Santa Terezinha Choir

JANUARY 2019

1st Tue 10.00 **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD**
Dennis Murphy – get well
Filipino Choir

2nd Wed **NO MASS**

3rd Thu 18.30 EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION
19.00 Harry Quigley +

4th Fri 09.00 William Day +
19.00 – 20.00 **VENITE ADOREMUS**
(Led by African Community)

5th Sat 10.00

6th Sun 09.30 **SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**
Ferdinand Rodrigues +
Filipino Choir
18.00 **Pro Populo**

ANNIVERSARIES: Catherine Carpenter, Deirdre Nolan, Ann Tobin and Anacletus Prosper

FINANCES LAST WEEK:

- Offerings: £241.23
- Side Window Fund: £101.80
- Humber Draw: £35.02

HALF & HALF: Please keep buying last minute tickets for the December draw to take place today, 30th December.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

- **TODAY: 9.30am:** Chris Donovan, Pat McGroarty and Lorraine McKenna. **6.00pm:** John Thomas and Lilian Mwawa
- **NEXT SUNDAY: 9.30am** Jenny Parker, Chris Donovan and Matthew Emerson. **6.00pm:** John Kusumalayam and Lilian T Mwawa

READERS:

- **TODAY: 9.30am:** Cathy Wanja, Benedict Afanu and Michelle Afanu. **6.00pm:** Jason Waine, Michelle Rodriguez and Jason Waine.
- **NEXT SUNDAY: 9.30am:** Kylla Abrigo, Rocelle Galindez and Marianne Fermin.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: A big thank you to Margaret Treavajo and Margaret Early for the flower arrangement this week. Next week it will be the turn of the Liu and Goncalves Family.

A BIG THANK YOU FROM Fr Naz for the generosity of the people of the parish behind the Christmas offerings, cards and personal donations this Christmas time.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped in any way in organizing various Christmas Liturgies. Particular thanks to Pat McGroarty who, single-handedly set up the lovely crib and to Marin Kranchur and Gabriel Esteban who polished the church. The different choirs, altar servers, readers, sacristans, cleaners etc all did commendable jobs.

CONFIRMATION

- WEEKLY PROGRAMME will start in a big way on Tuesday 8th January from 4.30pm to 5.30pm.
- Parents please come for your own session on 8th January, parents will have their own session reflecting on Liturgy and Sacraments.
- Retreat at Alton Castle is now confirmed for 22nd to 24th March.
- Confirmation date still remains on Sunday, 7th April at 11am

COMMUNION

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- Communion Day still remains on Sunday, 19th April at 11am

MALAWI TRIP

The original plan was to hold the celebration of the 40th anniversary of Fr Naz's ordination on 15th August 2019. The new plan is to hold the celebration on **21st September** as air tickets are at high peak in August. Those interested please organize to leave from Heathrow for Lilongwe airport in Malawi on Wednesday 18th September either

- via Nairobi by Kenya Airways or
- via Addis Ababa by Ethiopian Airways to arrive in Lilongwe on Thursday, 19th September.

Return trip to be booked for 28th September to depart from Lilongwe Airport.

Apart from the celebration on 21st September there will be visits to the following places:

- St Peter's Cathedral, a former parish of Fr Naz,
- Lake Malawi and
- Luangwa National Park in neighbouring Zambia to see wild life. Group Travel and accommodation will be arranged in various places within Malawi and Zambia. Those interested please contact Cathy Wanja or Fr Naz.